

RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION est.1939

October 2002 NEWSLETTER

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Colorful October Greetings!

Am I confused? It's October and my flowers are still brilliant, my fishes swimming sweetly in their ponds (instead of going into semi-hibernation), and I'm still wearing shorts. Yippee! I hope we're all making some time to paint outdoors before the BIG FREEZE. No need to worry about freezing on Monday, October 21st, though, as you'll be warmly enjoying Burton Longenbach's demo at the Somerset County Library, 7:30 pm. Once again Debbie Tintle has scored us a great program. (Some year someone's going to volunteer to help Debbie). Burt will probably be demonstrating watercolor this time, since last time he worked on an oil. Anyone who goes to art shows in NJ, NY, and PA is familiar with his luminous paintings; he wins awards in almost every show! Do come! And at that meeting Judy Hummer and Rita Gorky will be providing refreshments.

BEFORE THAT MEETING, you will want to call Mary Creasy if you plan to be included in RVAA's exhibition at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside (just off Rt.22 East). Depending on size, perhaps 85 paintings can be hung; 20% of sales goes to the hospital. Nudes and dark themes are not encouraged; this is a children's hospital. Delivery is Sat. Nov 2 from 10-11; pickup is Sat. Nov 30 from 10-11. Please call Mary at 908/526-4027; she must know how many will be in the show so she can let you know ahead how many pieces you may bring.

Looking ahead, our November 25th meeting will feature the Crimson Atelier, Inc. company, with a representative who will explain this wonderful process of painting reproduction which is totally mysterious to many of us. Reproduction of both watercolors, acrylics, and oils, mind you! Debbie Tintle has seen Crimson Atelier's reproduction of one of Burton Longenbach's works and says it looks as though it were an original.

You really want to pay your annual dues, if you already haven't. Membership Chair Doug Axmann again reminds you that dues were due in September, the beginning of our year of demos, the NYC trip, the Holiday Dinner, the various shows, and the newsletters. And the

friendships. All this for \$27. a year single membership: \$33. family, and \$15. student (high school and under). Please send check made out to RVAA to Doug Axmann, 25 Schoolhouse Lane, Somerville, NJ 08876. Meanwhile, if you have an address change, please let Doug know.

We have a VOLUNTEER! As you know, Linda McCausland has moved and we'd been relying on her to run off copies of our NEWSLETTERS, address, and mail them (thank you, again, Linda for all your work). Audrey Wreszin has VOLUNTEERED to do this very necessary job, and we thank Audrey for this a lot, a real lot. Now if some of you would like to follow in Audrey's footsteps and volunteer, we've some lovely "job" opportunities still open, such as Hospitality Chairperson, Mylar Screen keeper/toter, program chairperson, exhibit chairperson for our Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Show in March, and maybe some other stuff. Feel free to phone President Linda Arnold at 908/647-3610 now!

Coming up in December, our annual Holiday Show at the Somerset County Library; Exhibit Chair Diana Patton (oh) will put the details on this in the November NEWSLETTER.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

BARBARA BRIDEN had watercolors in the Cedar Crest College annual alumnae art show in the spring and is currently having a one-woman show at the Riegel Credit Union in Milford, NJ, August and September. However (and I quote) "the real highlight of the summer was the printing of my letter and Paris (watercolor) sketch in the September issue of VICTORIA magazine. It has been such fun hearing from friends all over the country who have seen and enjoyed it."

DIANA PATTON had a watercolor accepted into the American Artists Professional League's 74th Grand National Exhibition at the Salmagundi Club, 47 Fifth Ave, NYC. Opening reception for this show is Sunday, Nov. 10th, from 2-5; all are invited. Diana will be in a two-woman show at the 1860 House, Montgomery Cultural Center starting Nov. 7th. You're all very welcome to come to the Reception Sunday, Nov. 17th from 1-4. (just off 206 S onto Montgomery Rd)

DEBBIE TINTLE won Best in Show in the Missouri Watercolor Society's Members Show at the Churchill Memorial Library in Fulton, Missouri. The show runs until October 21st. Debbie also has a watercolor accepted into the New Jersey Water Color Society's Open Juried Show.

SONJA WEIR has her work "Underpass" in the American Artists Professional League 74th Grand National Exhibition 2002 at the Salmagundi Club in New York City.

As well as DEBBIE TINTLE, ELSA HERRMANN and FRAN MAURER had watercolors accepted into NJWC Society's Show which is currently at the Monmouth Museum (Garden State exit 109)

In the Tewksbury Historical Society's "Scenes Across America 2002" juried show, RVAA member KATHY BLAIR was awarded 2nd Place Landscapes, in the non-pro division, for her painting "Sandy Hook Sky". Other RVAA members who were juried into the show included Linda Arnold, Doug Axmann, Gay Billich, Marge Braun, Jo Coudert, Mary Creasy, Angela Fehrenback, Rita Gorky, Susan Furey, Elsa Herrmann, Rae Hoffman, Colette Lemay, Fran Maurer, Helen Maier, Diana Patton, Joan Raushi, Nona Rutter, Debbie Seymour, Maureen Slater, Carol Staub, Debbie Tintle, Mary Ann Vaccaro, and Audrey Wreszin.

Please! Please send me your news--we all want to hear from you.